REMARKS

Applicant has carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 21-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1-20 are canceled.

Telephone Conversation of March 7, 2003

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation between Robert C. Klinger and Examiner Tentoni, GAU 1732on March 7, 2003 where "a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 10-16. This present response hereby cancels Claims 1-20 an elects to prosecute the invention as claimed in newly added independent Claim 21 and associated dependent Claims 22-30.

Further in the Examiner's Action of mailed 3/27/2003, Claims 10-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Langer et al and further under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hull. Applicant has cancelled Claims 10-16. Further, Applicant submits that newly added Claims 21-30 are allowable over Langer and Hull and all other cited art.

Support for newly added Claims 21-30 can be found, for example, at page 6, line 10 through page 8, line 9 of the Detail Description and Figures 1A and 1B.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application now be passed on to issuance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve any other matters which remain to be resolved by an Examiner's amendment where possible. The Examiner is hereby authorized to debit deposit account number 50-1752, to cover any additional fees which may be required although Applicant believes that no fees are due at this time.

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